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the co-operation of others interested in the matter. What are wanted are words, uses of words, and pronunciations, that are believed to be restricted to a certain section, whether large or small—not such as may be found among certain classes in various parts of the country. Of course, I shall be able to use but a limited number of all those that might be proposed, but it is desirable that the selection be made from such as would suggest themselves to persons in various parts of the country.

As my means of distributing the circular makes its early preparation imperative, it will be necessary that communications be sent me direct and as soon as possible.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Among recent German text-books special attention should be called to Mr. A. B. Nichols' edition of H. v. Sybel's three lectures on 'Die Erhebung Europa's gegen Napoleon' (Boston: Ginn & Co.), and the same editor's 'Karl der Grosse, nebst zwei anderen Bildern aus dem Mittelalter, von G. Freytag' (New York: Henry Holt & Co.). The editorial work in both volumes is of the same high order, characterized both by good sense in avoiding unnecessary comment, and by accuracy and neatness of statement when such comment seemed desirable. An outline map of Europe, or at least of Charles' empire, showing the location of the places mentioned in the text, would have been a valuable addition to the second volume. Perhaps this deficiency can still be supplied. These volumes, together with Mr. H. S. Beresford-Webb's 'German Historical Reading Book' (published in this country by Messrs. H. Holt & Co., New York), will go far toward supplying a want that has been felt for some time, of well-edited historical reading-material. Auerbach's 'Brigitta,' edited by J. H. Gore, Ph. D. (Boston: Ginn & Co.), is, on account of its simplicity of style, particularly well adapted to sight-reading. The omission, for the sake of "all possible brevity," of "certain descriptive portions of the text," will doubtless be regretted by many teachers, though in view of the avowed

purpose of the volume it may seem excusable. Freytag's 'Soll und Haben,' which was condensed and edited about two years ago by Miss Ida W. Bultmann (Boston: Ginn & Co.), has been put through the same process by Mr. Hanby Crump, Assistant Master in Modern Languages, Dulwich College (New York: Macmillan & Co.). It might be questioned whether such condensed versions are very enjoyable reading material, unless they are accompanied by rather full and well written accounts of the omitted portions of the original; these are wanting in both editions. The teacher, who has read and enjoyed the unabridged version, feels very strongly the difficulty of doing justice to the work by extempore résumés of his own.—Some other recent text-books, among them Professor Buchheim's edition of the first four books of Goethe's 'Dichtung und Wahrheit,' we intend to notice at greater length in a later issue.

"Richard Cœur de Lion in Literature" is the title of a Leipsic dissertation (1890) by George Henry Needler. A somewhat extended account of the different versions of the metrical romance 'Richard Cœur de Lion' is not without value in the absence of a critical edition of the poems, but the Southerland MS. and the MS. of the College of Arms were not examined, and the Lang fragment of the Auchinleck MS. (see *Eng. Stud.* viii, 115 ff.) was entirely overlooked. A ballad and a sirventes by Richard are pleasantly rendered into English verse.

In the London *Educational Times*, Jan. 1, 1894, we note the following:

"The laudable custom of celebrating the 70th birthday of eminent scholars is far more common in Germany than is the case with us. We were, therefore, by no means surprised to hear that the German professors and teachers holding public appointments in Great Britain and Ireland, presented to Professor Max Müller an address of congratulation on the occasion of his 70th birthday, which fell on the 6th ult. The arrangements were carried out under the presidency of Professor Buchheim, of King's College, London, who drew up the address, in which special stress was laid on the fact that, of all contemporary German scholars, the learned Oxford Professor contributed most to make the German name honoured outside Germany, both by his character and his vast literary activity. The signatures to the addresses, which was very tastefully illuminated by Mr. O. von Holtorp, an English artist of German extraction, were collected by the honorary secretaries, Dr. Hager, of Owens College, Manchester, Dr. Tille, of the University of Glasgow, and Professor Meissner, of Queen's College, Belfast, in England, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively."